

\$25,000 BOND ISSUE BILL.

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country" every two years from the onslaught of the enemy.

Legislative Work.

During the past week there has been more argument on the floor than anything else. Practically two days was taken up in the Senate discussing the bill providing for the repeal of the law which restricted building and loan associations in North Carolina to borrowing to the amount of twenty-five per cent of their assets. Senator Jones' bill was intended to take off all restrictions and let the associations borrow all the money they could. A compromise was made and the substitute bill passed the Senate. It permits associations to borrow as much as fifty per cent of their assets. After all the argument it is likely that the bill will strike a snag in the House.

Two or three more days were taken up in part in the discussion of Representative Justice's resolution to invite Bryan, Wilson and LaFollette to address the General Assembly. It passed the House with a rush but the Senate put its foot on the resolution and killed it. Then the fight was renewed in the House, independently resulting in an awful death for Justice's little bill.

Recognition of Woman's Rights.

From the nature of the bills introduced it would appear that the rights of woman is being recognized from day to day. A bill has been introduced which if it passes will give women the right to serve on school committees, boards of trustees of chartered schools in North Carolina, county boards of education and on the text book commission. Such positions shall not be offices within this State but positions to be deemed as places of trust not requiring the oath of office, thus letting down the gauze to enable women to extend their scope of usefulness along educational lines.

Another bill by Senator Bryant provides that the privy examination of married women shall not be required as to any instrument executed by her save in the instances required by the constitution of this State.

Favoring the women is another bill by the Durham Senator, which provides that the earnings of a married woman shall be valid by contract for her personal services and any damage for personal injuries can be recovered by her suing alone, and that to be recovered as regarded as her own.

A bill has been introduced in the House to provide for submitting the question of woman suffrage to the people at the next general election.

Employees liability bills have been introduced in both houses. They provide for the protection of all persons working in hazardous positions for corporations of all kinds. While these bills now rest in the hands of appropriate committees, a bill providing for protection of employees of common carriers in intra-state as well as inter-state trade is well nigh on its way to passage as joint committee has reported favorably on the bill, which had no serious opposition by the railroads. The bill is somewhat patterned after the federal statute covering interstate traffic.

In this connection it is not amiss to say that the speech of Representative J. A. Bolich, of Saluda, before the joint committee, in exposing the injustice of the present law, was favorably commented on by the public and press. Senator Bryant declared before the Senate Saturday that it was the ablest and most impressive speech he had heard since he came to Raleigh.

Several bills relating to education, longer school terms, compulsory attendance, etc. have been introduced, but none have emerged from the hands of the educational committee. There will be considerable debate on this question, but after all a bill of some kind providing for better education of the children will undoubtedly be passed at this session. From scores of the Farmers, Educational and Co-operative Unions throughout the State are coming petitions and resolutions for a six-months minimum school term and compulsory attendance with a special tax levy for school purposes. Various councils of the J. C. L. A. M. in different parts of the State are filing with the General Assembly petitions and resolutions favoring a child labor law and better educational facilities.

There has been some talk of a State-wide search and seizure law and there is no telling what will be done along this line. Both branches of the legislature have endorsed the Webb-Sheppard-Kenyon bill to prohibit shipping liquor into dry territory.

Touching upon this subject is a bill introduced by Senator Thomas to prohibit the keeping for the purpose of giving away drinks around the tobacco warehouses of the State. He said that there was considerable complaint about keeping the stuff to attract business in his home town of Rocky Mount. The bill struck a serious snag in the Senate. The committee on Expositions and Grievances, to which it was referred reported the bill favorably but the Senate jerked a kink into it and had it referred to another committee, which will most likely kill it for "giving away a drink" sounds mighty broad to some of the Senators.

There has been considerable talk about redistricting the State so as to provide for twenty or twenty-four judges, and to bring this about bills have been introduced, providing for twenty-four districts and another to place solicitors on an annual salary of \$1,800 for fifteen weeks service or less. When working more than this for the State they are to get \$100 for each week or fraction thereof, according to the provisions of the bill.

Tenth District Legislation.

Although several bills of interest to the Tenth Congressional district have been introduced, they are of wide importance being prepared, since last week's report no bills have been ratified that apply especially to that section. The committees have not reported on a great many of the bills as they are of more or less a local

private nature and the committee on private bills is waiting to report on a batch of them at the same time. Although Representative Patton has been teased by the mountain boys about losing sight of his search and seizure bill, he says he has run it down, found

the thing and yanked it up by the tail and hopes to hear from the committee within a short while. There are some bills in the making that will be of interest to Henderson county if they are ever enacted into law. A road bill of some kind will be put through. The Henderson county committee appointed to draft a bill has not been heard from and it is not known what progress the committee is making along this line. Some of the Henderson county people have drawn up a bill to increase the salaries of some of the county officers, but the same has not been put in the hopper of the legislative mill.

Senator Hannah of Haywood has introduced a bill to provide for the board of aldermen of Waynesville to submit to the qualified voters next May the question of levying an annual tax on the property and polls to pay interest on a bond issue not exceeding \$6,000, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. The bonds are to be issued for the purpose of completing the graded school building of Waynesville.

Another bill of Senator Hannah's would cure certain probates made by consuls, vice-consuls, ambassadors, ministers or commercial agents of the United States taken outside of the Union. This is a bill to amend section 246 of the Revised of 1905 relative to the killing of fish with dynamite. The penalty is now fixed at \$50. The amendment would make it not more than thirty days imprisonment the fine and imprisonment to be left with the discretion of the court.

If a bill introduced by Senator Lovington of Cherokee passes both houses, the railroads will be compelled to pull mileage on train and mileage books will be sent to the purchaser's family.

Senator Weaver of Buncombe has introduced a bill to protect water sheds owned by cities and towns from damage by fires.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Cherokee Officers on Salary.

The House Committee on Salaries and Fees decided to report favorably the bill by Representative A. D. Martin of Cherokee, placing the officers of his county on the salary basis to replace the fee system now in vogue in that and many other counties.

More Judicial Districts.

The Senate and House committees on judicial districts held a meeting and ordered that a meeting be held in the House of Representatives at 3 o'clock on Friday, January 24th, to consider the matter of increasing the number of judges and redistributing the State.

To Investigate Fire Insurance.

The resolution adopted by the Senate, introduced by Senator Hooks, reads as follows:

"Section 1. That the Senate request the honorable insurance commissioners to advise the Senate by January 21, if consistent with the public service to do so, within that time, and if not as soon thereafter as possible, the amount of premiums paid upon each class of risk and the amount of losses of each class of risk in this State or the territory covered by the Southeastern tariff association by States for five years ending December 31, 1911."

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the honorable insurance commissioner immediately with request that he advise if he can supply the information and when, and if he cannot who can."

Where Women Are Interested.

The bill introduced in the Senate to permit the introduction of kindergarten in the public schools of the State, has the backing of the National Kindergarten Association, of which Miss Meta Eloise Beall of Greensboro, is secretary for North Carolina.

Miss Beall is also chairman of the North Carolina legislative committee of this organization. Other members of this committee are Mrs. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction; R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the Historical commission; Bishop Robert Strange, of the Diocese of East Carolina; Mrs. May Graves of Wilson; Mrs. B. H. Griffin, of Goldsboro; Superintendent, R. J. Light, of the Asheville schools; Miss Ethel Ray of Asheville; Miss Edith Royster, of Raleigh, and others.

The bill carries no appropriation, it simply permits the establishment of kindergarten in the public schools in districts that desire it. Such laws have been enacted in all but eight states of the union.

Building and Loan Associations.

The Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, Senator Parsons, chairman, considered an important bill relating to building and loan associations, introduced by Senator Jones. It developed that there will be strong opposition to the bill, and further consideration was deferred. The bill proposes to amend the laws of 1911 by striking out the last proviso of section 2, chapter 1, public laws, thereby removing entirely the restriction to 25 per cent of loaning capacity and let building and loan companies loan monies as other private companies now do.

The proviso of section 2, sought to be repealed, reads: "Provided, that the total amount of money so borrowed shall, at no time exceed 25 per centum, of the amount then actually paid into said association, as a subscription on due on installment, etc."

The bill was explained by Senator Jones as strongly advocated by Senator Bellamy and Hanner. The objection to the present restriction they claimed, was that it helped to give a monopoly to the big concerns that had plenty of capital.

The bill received favorable.

With only one member voting yes and none nay, the House Committee on Salaries and Fees at a meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to report favorably the bill by Representative Page to require all county officers whose compensation is derived from fees instead of salaries to report to the county commissioners annually the total amount received in fees during the year and the amount paid out for clerical assistance. The bill was amended so as to make the date of filing report the first Monday in December instead of January, and making the year to be covered by such

and another would regulate and restrict child labor in manufacturing establishments.

There is provision for the protection of the forests in the State from fires in a bill by Representative Rogers of Buncombe. Another bill of his

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